

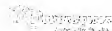


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## Word Origin & History

**ferrous**  
1865, from L. *ferrus* "made of iron," from *ferrum* "iron."

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